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RATSIRAKA - PART II: COMMENTS ON US/MADAGASCAR RELATIONS

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1. SUMMARY. IN DIRECT COMMENT ON US/MADAGASCAR RELATIONS
IN FULL TEXT OF INTERVIEW IN AFRIQUE-ASIE, PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA
STATES THAT US/MADAGASCAR RELATIONS ARE FROZEN OR IN NEUTRAL.

2. EXCERPTS IN REF B FROM SECOND PART OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S
AFRIQUE-ASIE INTERVIEW WERE DRAWN FROM ABBREVIATED VERSION IN
MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT PRESS BULLETIN. FULL TEXT OF PART II
OF THE INTERVIEW APPEARED IN ISSUE NO. 150 (12-25 DECEMBER).
WILL POUCH THIS FULL TEXT TO DEPARTMENT (AF/E) DECEMBER 23.

3. WHILE FULL TEXT CONTAINS SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT RE-
MARKS, NOT INCLUDED IN ABBREVIATED VERSION IN GOVERNMENT
PRESS BULLETIN, ONLY ONE SHORT SECTION TOUCHES DIRECTLY ON US/
MADAGASCAR RELATIONS. IN THIS SECTION, PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA
ACKNOWLEDGES THAT US/MADAGASCAR RELATIONS ARE PRESENTLY A BIT
FROZEN SINCE THE CLOSING OF THE NASA STATION. HE ALSO REFERS
TO MADAGASCAR'S REFUSED ACCREDITATION TO A US AMBASSADORIAL
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NOMINATION AND THE EXPULSION OF TWO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS
- QUOTE - WHO HAD MAINTAINED RELATIONS WITH STRIKING
STUDENTS - END QUOTE. HE ALSO CITES OUR RETALIATORY
EXPULSION OF A MADAGASCAR DIPLOMAT WHO HAD - QUOTE -
DONE NOTHING WRONG - END QUOTE. FINALLY, THE PRES-
IDENT AGAIN AFFIRMS THAT - QUOTE - OUR RELATIONS ARE
IN NEUTRAL FOR THE MOMENT - END QUOTE. SMITH

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